

10 years or forever. That would be a brand new policy, not a leeway and a guideline for the school district. Yesterday, I believe, if we had voted, we would have restricted the school districts to 10 years from the 20 years so it gives me a yo yo effect of from 5 to 20 to 10 and now forever. If for no other reason, I urge you to vote to kill L.B. 197 because we are indecisive in this matter.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer, then Senator Nore, then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR STAHMER: I have a Senator, uh, I have question for Senator Kelly if he would yield.

SPEAKER: Senator Stah--Senator Kelly will you yield to a question from Senator Stahmer?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Kelly, your comments about not allowing a subdivision of government lease purchase billing, do you think that same provision should apply for State government also?

SENATOR KELLY: I believe a lease is a debt and that we should not go in debt without permission of the government.

SENATOR STAHMER: In other words, you're saying that the State should not do it also, such as the State has done in the past with the fieldhouse, with the Game and Park Commission building which is contemplated for the new State Office Building. You do not favor that then either, I presume.

SENATOR KELLY: That's correct.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, at least you're consistent in this and I admire you for it. I think many others here perhaps will not feel this way, but I would just like to point out one thing--much attention has been given to the Omaha Public School District and its need for building and Senator Carpenter erroneously made a slight error in his last closing talk when he said that Omaha already had the 6 mills. That bill is on select, file, bracketed, hasn't passed yet and, but I would like to point out some of the mill levies that are now pertaining in some of the various school districts around the State, such as in Hall County, Senator Kelly's area, there is a 61.50 total mill levy, whereas in Omaha School District right now there is only 54.63. Even if we had the two more mills we would be far below what Grand Island is. I would just like to call attention to a few of the other mill levies far, far higher than what Omaha is right now. Hastings, 78, 73.82 total mill levy, Cozad 64.20 total mill levy. We have total mill levies in Millard that are higher than the Omaha district. We have Holbrook, 77.70. We have many large school districts with far higher mill levies than the Omaha system right now and yet we quibble about two mills so that we can have proper buildings for our children. To me it doesn't make sense, if we're going to quibble about two mills in Omaha which is still far below what most other districts have, then why don't we put a mill levy ceiling on all of the districts and let's say they can't go over 50 mills period, for any purposes.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly, or excuse me, that was a question from Senator Stahmer to Senator Kelly. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: I waive an answer to Senator Stahmer's question.

SPEAKER: Very good. Chair recognizes Senator Nore, then Keyes, then Lewis.